

New York, May 18/41.

Lewis Tappan to
Dr Brn. Phelps,

35 May 18. 1841 We have had 4 excellent meetings
in this city of the Amistad Africans, & are to have a
large meeting tomorrow evening in Rev E. F. Hatfield's
church. At these meetings about 3 hours ^{each} have
been occupied to the delight of large audiences.
Dr Nott told me he was exceedingly delighted. 16
of them are here, including Cinque & the 3 girls.
On Thursday they go to Philadelphia to remain
a few days. On that evening there will be a meeting
- Dr Wyllie's Chh. Dr Nott wrote to Mr Barnes
advising having a meeting in his church. They will
be back Monday so as to take the S. Boat that goes
for Boston. There they can hold 2, 3 or 4 meetings.
I have attended the meetings here & made an introduc-
tory address, but do not expect to go to Phila or Boston.
Will you act on my behalf? Mr Booth, their teacher,
will accompany them.

Will you provide a place for them
to board? The girls had best be in one house, &
the men in another. Here, a white family (very
respectable) boarded the men, and another the girls.
They dress neatly & can all sleep on mattresses
on the floor of one or two rooms. Perhaps Mr Fuller
will aid you. If he can not some one or two persons
can be employed to devote their whole time to the
Africans while they are in Boston.

Admission will be the same as for
our own friends.

29.8.41

Professor Bush told me last evening that these meetings were the principal attraction during the anniversary week. I doubt not they will be very interesting to the good people of Boston.

Will you make arrangements for the meetings at Marlboro Hotel without delay? At the first meeting at ^{your} "Tabernacle" the tickets were 50 cts each. Since then they have been 25 cts. You can judge what is lost at Boston. We admitted no one, not even clergymen, without a ticket.

I authorize you to hire the place & meeting - get the tickets printed, & the - at any expense - so that no time be lost. We had 4000 small hand bills printed & distributed, and a large show bill put up in places of concourse. We had also 2500 tickets printed - too many by half, as most of the money was paid at the door. It wd be well to have tickets sold at 3 or 4 different places - and two persons to sell tickets the day of exhibition - 2 hours before the time - at some distance from the door - then a paid man to receive the tickets at the door.

If you happen to be so very busy that you cannot attend to this you must get one or more suitable persons to do it. And the fund will pay them if necessary. I shall see that you are well

Confidential for I am not sure you can give the necessary time without compensation. Do not fail to have the business well done. I will write you again. Yours truly, A. A. Phelps.